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TAGS: PBOR, PINT, TH, LA

SUBJECT: LPDR FORCES IN CONTROL OF TWO MEKONG RIVER ISLANDS.

1. NONG KHAI VICE GOVERNOR TOLD CONOFF APRIL 12 THAT FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 30 LPDR SOLDIERS TOOK CONTROL OF CON CHING CHU ISLAND, NEAR SRI CHIANG MAI DISTRICT TOWN, DURING EARLY MORNING OF APRIL 11. VICE GOVERNOR SAID LAO RIGHTIST BAND, WHICH HAD MOVED ONTO DON CHING CHU APRIL 1, FLED INTO THAILAND WHEN LPDR FORCES BEGAN FIRING ROCKETS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ONTO ISLAND. SOURCE STATED THAT TWO ISLAND RESIDENTS WERE WOUNDED BY LPDR FIRE AND THAT PROPERTY ON THAI SHORE NEAR DON CHING CHU SUSTAINED DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 30,000 BAHT THAI MILITARY FORCES APPARENTLY TOOK NO PART IN ACTION. P

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FORCE REMAINS ON DON CHING CHU, ALONG WITH MOST OF THE ISLAND'S 200 PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

2. IN SEPERATE DEVELOPMENT, VICE GOV, SAID LPDR TOOPS MOVED ONTO DON SAN KHI ISLAND, LOCATED IN MEKONG NEAR PHON PHISAI DISTRICT ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS EAST OF NONG KHAI PROVINCE CAPITAL IN MORING HOURS OF APRIL 11. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, LPDR FORCE GAINED CONTROL ON DON SAN KHI FROM LAO RESISTANCE ELEMENTS AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF GUN-FIRE. LPDR FORCES APPARENTLY SUSTAINED SEVERAL WIA WHILE DISLODGING RIGHTIST BAND WHICH HAD RECENTLY MOVED ONTO ISLAND. RESISTANCE GROUP REPORTEDLY FLED TO THAILAND.

3. AS OF 0900 APRIL 12, SITUATION ALONG BORDER IN BOTH SRI CHIANG

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MAI AND PHON PHISAI AREA IS QUIET, WITH LPDR TROOPS IN FIRM CONTROL
OF DONG CHING CHU AND DON SAN KHI ISLANDS. BORDER CROSSING POINT
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TAGS: PFOR PBOR PINS LA TH

SUBJECT: THAI EMBASSY COMMENT ON LAO ISLAND SEIZURES

1. THE THAI EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, APRIL 20, ISSUED A PRESS COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE "EVENTS WHICH UNFOLDED ON THE ISLANDS OF SING SOU AND SANG KHI." IT STATED:

2. "...ALL MEASURES TAKEN AND APPLIED AGAINST THE TWO ISLANDS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR SHOULD NOT AFFECT OR PORTEND A THREAT TO THAI NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NOT CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE OR PROPERTY TO THE THAI PEOPLE LIVING ON THE THAI SHORE.

3. "THE THAI AUTHORITIES DID NOT INTERFERE AND DID NOT SUPPORT ANY GROUP WHICH WAS FOUND ON THE ISLAND.

4. "ON THE CONTRARY, THE THAI AUTHORITIES TRIED TO CONTROL AND INTERDICT ALL CONTACT AND ALL TRAVEL OF PERSONS WHO WISHED TO GO THERE TO OBSERVE.

5. "CONCERNING THE PEOPLE WHO FLED FROM THE TWO ISLANDS TO THE THAI SHORE DUE TO MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR, THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES, JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE ALREADY APPLIED TO OTHER REFUGEES..." CORCORAN

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TAGS: PFOR, OCON, ESCAP, TH, VN

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE AND THAI CROSS SWORDS OVER LAOS AT ESCAP PLENARY

REF: (A) BANGKOK 8654 (B) BANGKOK 8830 (C) FBIS BK211310Y APR 77

1. FOLLOWING UP THE LAO-THAI VERBAL SCUFFLE AT ESCAP PLENARY APR 20 (REF A), VIETNAMESE CHIEF DELEGATE DINH BA THI TOOK UP THE CUDGELS IN HIS OWN SPEECH APR 22, STATING THAT SRV FULLY SUPPORTS LAO POSITION ON QUESTION OF LAO-THAI RELATIONS AND LAO ACCUSATION THAT THAILAND IS HARBORING LAO REBELS. HE SAID THAT IF THAILAND WANTS A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH LAOS, RTG SHOULD LIVE UP TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE THAI-LAO JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 3, 1976.

2. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRGEN PHIRAPHONG KASEMSI USED RIGHT OF REPLY TO ASK THAT PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO THEM TO SETTLE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF THIRD COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED RTG HOPE FOR DIALOGUE WITH VIETNAMESE THROUGH VISIT OF SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH, INVITATION FOR WHICH WAS CONVEYED IN FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN'S MESSAGE TO HIM LAST NOV 15.

3. ACCORDING TO THE NATION OF APR 24, SRV HAS ASKED FOR RIGHT TO MAKE REJOINDER TO THAI REPLY. ARTICLE SAID VIETNAMESE REPLY IS EXPECTED TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM RATHER THAN BE MADE ORALLY. THI TOLD REPORTERS THROUGH A DEPUTY THAT HIS EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR LAOS WAS "A NATURAL STAND BECAUSE THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE LIKE BROTHERS" AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS INTERFERENCE. (COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, PHIRAPHONG'S CRITICISM OF THI'S REMARKS HIT HOME. END COMMENT.)

4. ALTHOUGH VIETNAMESE, LAO, AND THAI HAVE BEEN MEETING TOGETHER PRIVATELY IN CONTEXT OF MEKONG COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS (REF B), VIETNAMESE AND THAI DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD QUIET TALKS OF

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THEIR OWN, THI MADE INTERESTING STATEMENT IN HIS APR 22 SPEECH THAT HIS "SOLE PURPOSE" IN BEING IN BANGKOK WAS TO ATTEND ESCAP MEETING, FRIENDLY EMBASSY TELLS US THAT PHIRAPHONG HAS TRIED TWICE TO INTEREST VIETNAMESE IN DISCUSSING BILATERAL ISSUES. HE SAID THE VIETNAMESE REFUSED BY SAYING THAT IT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED THAT POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS TO BE IN VIENTIANE AND THAT IS WHERE THEY WANT IT TO REMAIN. 5. APPEARING TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT THAI-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS ARE NOT ABOUT TO MOVE FORWARD, APR 21 ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY NEWSPAPER QUAN DOI NHAN DAN DESCRIBED AS CONCOCTED "RUMORS AND FABRICATIONS" REPORTS THAT THAI AVIATION DELEGATION WAS ABOUT TO FLY TO VIET-NAM; THE "ASSUMPTION" THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST, 1976; THAT THE NEXT STEP IS AN EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS; AND THAT RTG IS AWAITING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO ESCAP. ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY ACCUSING THE THAI OF "ASSISTING THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IN IMPLEMENTING A NEO-COLONIALIST POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" (REF C), WHITEHOUSE

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